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Honorable Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, of which this response is within the shortened three month period of reply, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.